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SUBJ: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND POLITICAL PRISONERS
IN FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

1. DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE NOTED OCT 24
AFP ARTICLE REPORTING THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
LAUNCHING CAMPAIGN TO OBTAIN GENERAL AMNESTY FROM
GOVERNMENTS OF IVORY COAST, MALI, CHAD, CAMEROON,
AND GABON FOR TOTAL OF "6,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS"
IN THESE FIVE COUNTRIES.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER DETAILS DEPARTMENT
OR LONDON MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY REGARDING
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN, BASIS OF ALLEGATIONS, AND RATHER
ODD SELECTION OF COUNTRIES.

3. IT IS OUR VIEW AND THAT OF OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE
EMBASSIES HERE THAT GABONESE HAVE FEW POLITICAL
PRISONERS. IT IS NOTORIOUS, HOWEVER, THAT THE JAILS
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ARE FILLED WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS IN A NUMBER OF

OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES SUCH AS GUINEA, EQUATORIAL
GUINEA AND THE CONGO.
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